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SUBJ: TURKISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (TURK-IS)
AND CYPRUS

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SUMMARY: TURK-IS IS VERY HAPPY WITH U.S. POLICY ON CYPRUS.
TRADE UNIONS HAVE COLLECTED SIZEABLE SUMS TO SUPPORT NATIONAL
CAUSES AND INTEND TO CONTINUE DOING SO. TURK-IS
IS SENDING OUT TWO TEAMS OF TRADE UNION OFFICIALS TO "SELL" THE
TURKISH POINT OF VIEW, AND IT WILL SEEK TO EXPLOIT IN THIS CONNECTION
THE ABLE, YOUNG TURK-CYPRITOT TRADE UNION OFFICIAL, NECATI TASHKIN.
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END SUMMARY.

1. TURK-IS OFFICIALS HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS SINCE THE CYPRUS INCIDENT BEGAN, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENTIAL COUNCILS. TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AT THESE MEETINGS EXPRESSED STRONG APPRECIATION FOR U.S. POLICY ON CYPRUS AND FOR THE ROLE OF THE AMBASSADOR HERE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED MESSAGES FROM A NUMBER OF MAJOR EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CENTERS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS, MOSTLY SUPPORTING THE TURKISH POSITION IN CYPRUS. TURK-IS HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT THE BRITISH TUC, AS WELL AS ITS ENGINEERS UNION, WAS CRITICAL OF TURKEY.

2. TURK-IS HAS INAUGURATED AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO EXPLAIN THE TURKISH POSITION ON CYPRUS. TURK-IS HAS SENT OUT CIRCULARS TO 41 INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL KINDS. IN ADDITION, IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF SENDING TWO DIFFERENT SENIOR TRADE UNION GROUPS THROUGHOUT EUROPE FURTHER TO "SELL" THE TURKISH POSITION. THE FIRST GROUP OF EIGHT IS HEADED BY SECRETARY-GENERAL SADEK SIDE, AND THE SECOND FOUR-MAN GROUP IS TO BE HEADED BY TURK-IS VICE PRESIDENT KEMAL OZER (PRESIDENT OF THE MINeworkERS FEDERATION). TURK-IS PRESIDENT TUNC RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR TOP-NOTCH INTERPRETERS TO ACCOMPANY THE TWO GROUPS, AND ACCORDINGLY THE TWO BEST (LEGAL COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) HAVE BEEN SELECTED.

3. THE FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN (REFTEL) IS TO BE EXPANDED INTO THREE DIFFERENT CONSECUTIVE ONES. ACCORDING TO KEMAL OZER, THE FIRST ONE HAS ALREADY COLLECTED SOME TL 20 MILLION (\$1.5 MILLION), AND HE EXPECTS IT TO REACH TL 50 MILLION (\$3.75 MILLION), AND THAT ALL THREE WOULD MOST LIKELY BRING IN TL 100 MILLION (\$7.4 MILLION). THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED AS APPROVED BY THE TURK-IS MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR "NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS."

4. NECATI C. TASHKIN, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CYPRUS TURKISH TRADE UNIONS FEDERATION, ARRIVED IN ANKARA ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO CONSULT WITH TURK-IS OFFICIALS AND TO WORK WITH THE TWO TURK-IS TRADE UNION TEAMS THAT WILL BE VISITING DIFFERENT PARTS OF EUROPE. TASHKIN STATED TO THE LABATT ON SEPTEMBER 3 THAT HE EXPECTS FIRST TO GO TO GENEVA AND THEN WORK OUT OF ANKARA TO MEET UP WITH THE TWO TRADE UNION GROUPS AT DIFFERENT PLACES IN EUROPE.

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